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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Bartholoma et al.

Our File: SMB-PT110
(PC 03 260 M US)

Application No.: 10/502,215

Date: September 13, 2006

Confirmation No.: 9180

Filed: July 20, 2004

For: TERMINAL CONNECTION COMPRISING
A THREADED SLEEVE, A COUNTER-SLEEVE
AND A TERMINAL INSERT

Group: 3679

Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 13, 2006 and the request for Corrected Drawings noted in the Notice of Allowability.

This 312 Amendment was briefly discussed with the Examiner on September 8, 2006 after faxing a proposed copy of the drawing amendment to the Examiner in an attempt to ensure that the proposed amendment would be acceptable. The Examiner indicated that he had not reviewed the fax submission and indicated a concern with respect to the possible introduction of new matter. Applicants have attempted to address this in the Reply and to insure that no new matter has been introduced.

Please amend the application as follows: